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For: SUSTAINED DNA DELIVERY FROM
STRUCTURAL MATRICES

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

There are no Amendments to the claims. However, for the Examiner's convenience a complete listing of the pending claims is presented beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.